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**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 39. (Cancelled)

40. (New) A method of taking an impression of a tooth of a patient comprising:

- (a) releasably securing a vibrating device to a tray;
- (b) placing dental material used for taking the impression into the tray;
- (c) causing the vibrating device to vibrate;
- (d) correctly positioning the tray into a mouth of the patient such that vibrations generated by the vibrating device are transmitted through the tray to the dental material in the tray;
- (e) causing the vibrating device to cease vibrating;
- (f) allowing the dental material to set;
- (g) causing the vibrating device to vibrate; and
- (h) removing the tray from the mouth of the patient.

41. (New) A method of taking an impression of a tooth as recited in claim 40, further comprising, after removing the tray from the mouth of the patient:

- (i) placing a second dental material into the tray;
- (j) causing the vibrating device to vibrate;
- (k) correctly positioning the tray into the mouth of the patient such that vibrations generated by the vibrating device are transmitted through the tray to the second dental material in the tray;
- (l) causing the vibrating device to cease vibrating;
- (m) allowing the second dental material to set;
- (n) removing the tray from the mouth of the patient.

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